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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In the official Office Action dated October 23, 2003, in the above-captioned application, the Examiner restricted prosecution of the application to a single invention and required that applicants elect one of the following groups for prosecution in this application:

- I. Claims 1-6, drawn to an apparatus comprising a reactor having an inlet, an outlet and a catalyst, and means for reducing pressure downstream of the reactor, classified in class 422, subclass 190..
- II. Claims 7-20, drawn to a reactor comprising first and second structural components, a supply passage, a supply joint, an outlet passage, a take-out joint and a plurality of fins disposed on fin base plates, classified in class 422, subclass 198.

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Accordingly, in response to the Examiner's Action, applicants respectfully elect Group I, i.e., claims 1-6.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for examination, and the Examiner's early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited. Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for applicants.

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